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| 1 A. In dealing with requirements and dealing 2 with the customers and the expectations of the 3 customers, in talking with the developers and 4 spending time with the developers and testers. | 10:41:03 | 1 Q. What do you mean by expected 2 configurations? | 10:44:09 |
| 5 Q. For your work dealing with customers, was 6 it important for you to know information about 7 other vendors' CLI commands? | 10:41:26 | 3 A. If you have a VLAN, then everybody -- 4 there's an expectation that a VLAN and the 5 terminology around VLAN will somewhere appear in 6 the CLI along with the parameters necessary to 7 structure VLAN so that it interoperates across 8 multiple switches. | 10:44:21 |
| 8 A. No. It was more important for 9 understanding their practice around CLIs. | | 9 Q. And how -- in your experience, how does 10 that expectation arise? | 10:44:37 |
| 10 Q. What do you mean by understanding their 11 practice for CLIs? | 10:41:50 | 11 MR. HOLMES: Objection. Calls for 12 speculation. | |
| 12 A. Understanding the customer's expectations 13 for how their users and techs would be using the 14 CLI and what they were trying to accomplish through 15 the CLI. | 10:42:07 | 13 THE DEPONENT: The expectation arises 14 from -- from the customers and from the market. | |
| 16 Q. Okay. Through what you've just 17 described, did you become aware of similarities 18 between the CLI supported by Dell's Ethernet 19 routers and switches and the CLI supported by those 20 companies that you listed a moment ago? | 10:42:24 | 15 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) Can you explain to me 16 a little bit more how the expectation arises from 17 the customer? | 10:44:56 |
| 21 MR. HOLMES: Objection. Calls for a 22 legal conclusion. Speculation and vague. | | 18 MR. HOLMES: Objection. Calls for 19 speculation and a narrative. | |
| 23 THE DEPONENT: I -- I became familiar 24 with the -- the desire for customers to have a 25 similar look and feel for the products and the | 10:42:42 | 20 THE DEPONENT: When you're dealing with a 21 customer, the customer has a certain level of 22 experience with -- with switching. And when you're 23 going in and -- and talking to them about what they 24 want to experience with your switch, you are trying 25 to get them comfortable that they can operate your | 10:45:17 |
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| 1 interactions with the products for their 2 technicians. | 10:42:46 | 1 switch in a way that is consistent with their 2 expectations for the solution, and you're trying to 3 meet the -- the understanding of what they want to 4 deploy. | 10:45:35 |
| 3 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) More specifically, 4 did you become aware -- have you become aware of 5 similarities between the CLI supported by Dell's 6 Ethernet routers and switches and the CLI supported 7 by Cisco's routers and switches? | 10:43:00 | 5 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) Do you know what a 6 command mode is? | 10:46:05 |
| 8 MR. HOLMES: Objection. Vague. Calls 9 for a legal conclusion. | | 7 A. I'm aware of what command modes are. | |
| 10 THE DEPONENT: I have become familiar 11 with the fact that there's similarity -- 12 similarities between the CLIs. | 10:43:13 | 8 Q. What are you aware, in terms of what a 9 command mode is? | |
| 13 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) What are those 14 similarities? | | 10 A. I know that command modes allow you to 11 enter different levels within the switch to provide 12 information for the switch for configuration or 13 data that the switch then uses to accomplish the 14 actions that drive the interoperability. | 10:46:18 |
| 15 MR. HOLMES: Objection. Calls for a 16 legal conclusion. | 10:43:23 | 15 Q. And have you learned what a command mode 16 is through your work in networking? | 10:46:40 |
| 17 THE DEPONENT: There's -- there's 18 similarities in terms of overall, I guess, 19 structure -- | | 17 A. Yes. | |
| 20 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) Uh-huh. | 10:43:40 | 18 Q. Do customers generally expect the Dell 19 CLI to support familiar command modes and 20 their assoc- -- and their associated prompts? | 10:46:51 |
| 21 A. -- of -- of what a CLI generally looks 22 like versus a bunch of dashes, dots. It's a 23 generalized set of expected configurations and 24 parameters that a customer would need to know for a 25 network switch. | 10:43:58 | 21 MR. HOLMES: Objection. Speculation. 22 Legal -- calls for a legal conclusion. | |
| Page 35 | | 23 THE DEPONENT: Customers expect Dell to 24 support command modes and ensure that those command 25 modes are -- are familiar with their technicians. | 10:47:07 |
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| 1 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) How do you know that? 10:47:12 | 1 Q. What is a show command? 10:50:20 |
| 2 A. Because any time we create command modes, 10:47:23 | 2 A. A show command enables you to identify 3 and show what is currently configured in the 4 switch. |
| 3 we go and we make sure that the -- the 4 documentation and customers are trained so that 5 they can operate the switches. 10:47:23 | 5 Q. Do Dell customers, in your experience, 10:50:31 |
| 6 Q. Would it be accurate to say that the 7 command mode supported by the Dell CLI are also 8 dictated by customer expectations? | 6 expect Dell CLI to support show commands? |
| 9 A. The command mode supported by Dell 10 switches are dictated by customer expectations, as 10:47:49 | 7 A. Yes. |
| 11 well as our analysis of best practices for 12 implementation of the functionality are the most 13 efficient means of implementation of the 14 functionality. | 8 Q. How do you know that? |
| 15 Q. What do you mean by your analysis of best 16 practices? 10:48:04 | 9 A. It's been a hard requirement from the 10 get-go and it's existed from the get-go. 10:50:47 |
| 17 A. We -- we look at the -- the most familiar 18 mechanisms for the customer and we look at the -- 19 the capabilities for us to remain similar across 20 Dell products, both OEM products and third-party 10:48:29 | 11 Q. What do you mean from the get-go? |
| 21 products. 22 Q. So when you are doing an analysis of best 23 practices, do you consider the practices of 24 third-party products? | 12 A. From when I joined Force10, it was there. |
| 25 A. We have to, in the sense that Dell 10:48:56 | 13 Q. Are you familiar with the process at Dell 14 by which new commands are added to its CLI? |
| Page 38 | 15 A. Yes. 10:51:06 |
| | 16 Q. How did you become familiar with that 17 process? |
| | 18 A. Through the discussions and -- and 19 understanding of how we implement new features and 20 functionality. 10:51:24 |
| | 21 Q. Are you responsible for the team that 22 adds new CLI commands to Dell's CLI? |
| | 23 A. Yes. |
| | 24 Q. Is there a particular person at Dell 25 who's responsible for what -- for deciding what 10:51:43 |
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| 1 resells third-party products, and we OEM 10:48:58 | 1 collection of commands will constitute the CLI? 10:51:45 |
| 2 third-party products, and those are combined in a 3 single solution for our customers. | 2 A. No. |
| 4 Q. Okay. Do customers -- in your 5 experience, do customers expect the Dell CLI to 10:49:14 | 3 Q. Is there a review -- a review process 4 that's used to decide whether any particular 5 command will become the final CLI command? 10:51:57 |
| 6 support any particular command syntax? | 6 A. Yes. |
| 7 A. I'm aware that customers have 8 requirements, hard -- sometimes hard requirements 9 for support of particular commands and command 10 modes and sequences of CLIs. 10:49:36 | 7 Q. Can you tell me about that review 8 process? |
| 11 Q. What kind of hard requirements have you 12 become aware of? | 9 A. Sure. The developers take it to a group 10 of -- of code reviewers, who then code review for 11 consistency with the products in Dell's solutions, 12 and those code reviewers will include architects 13 for the solutions and systems. |
| 13 A. I've -- I've seen the hard requirements 14 in terms of you need to support this particular way 15 of scripting that is consistent with how our techs 10:49:49 | 14 Q. What do you mean by architects for the 15 systems and -- for the solutions and systems? 10:52:44 |
| 16 already script and operate these in the field. | 16 A. Dell designates expertise for particular 17 areas, functional areas, and in the -- and then 18 overall system level architects in the system level 19 architects with generalized knowledge will make 20 that call collectively. 10:53:07 |
| 17 Q. Are you able to give any examples of 18 command syntaxes that Dell customers expect to see 19 in the Dell CLI? | 21 Q. Are there any guidelines that are used in 22 selecting CLI commands? |
| 20 MR. HOLMES: Objection. Calls for 21 speculation. Vague. 10:50:13 | 23 A. No. |
| 22 THE DEPONENT: Specifically, no. | 24 Q. Any informal guidelines? |
| 23 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) Do you know what a 24 show command is? | 25 A. Tribal knowledge. 10:53:16 |
| 25 A. Yes. 10:50:20 | Page 41 |
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| 1 regard to the functionality they're looking to 2 deploy. And we will have feedback from their 3 technicians in terms of if something meets their 4 specific needs. | 10:58:24 | 1 A. Extreme. 11:01:16 2 Q. Do you recall a specific instance? 3 A. Yes. 4 Q. What -- can you tell me about that 5 instance? 11:01:24 6 A. Yes. 7 Q. Okay. Will you tell me. 8 You're doing a very good job answering 9 the question. |
| 5 Q. You've referred a couple times today to 6 customer expectations. | 10:58:50 | 10 A. There was a large customer who had 11:01:36 11 implemented scripting technologies. They were 12 global. And they did not want or have the ability 13 to retrain the technicians for different interfaces 14 and different scripts and they needed their script 15 to run. And that script required certain inputs 11:01:57 16 and certain outputs for it to run. The 17 implementation of what was behind those inputs and 18 outputs was up to the -- you to decide. |
| 7 Can you tell me a little bit more about 8 your understanding of how customer expectations 9 arise, where those expectations come from? | 10:59:07 | 19 Q. Which customer was this? |
| 10 A. Can you state the question again. 10:59:07 | | 20 MR. THOMPSON: Mr. Cato, let me 11:02:22 21 interject. Is this a sensitive -- |
| 11 Q. In referring today to customer 12 expectations, do you have an understanding, based 13 on your work, how customer expectations arise and 14 where they come from? | | 22 THE DEPONENT: It could be. |
| 15 THE DEPONENT: Yeah. 10:59:18 | | 23 MR. THOMPSON: -- confidential -- |
| 16 MR. HOLMES: Objection. Vague. | | 24 THE DEPONENT: It would be with my prior 25 company. 11:02:30 |
| 17 THE DEPONENT: Customer expectations 18 would come, typically, from prior experience in 19 switching technologies. It would come from their 20 interactions with similar customers. It would come 10:59:38 | | Page 48 |
| 21 from an understanding of an end-to-end solution 22 that -- where they're trying to go and how they 23 think they want to accomplish it. | | |
| 24 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) By prior -- what do 25 you mean by prior experience in switching | 10:59:52 | |
| 1 technologies? 10:59:54 | | 1 MS. McCLOSKEY: Would it be sufficient to 11:02:31 2 designate the transcript highly confidential for 3 you and Mr. Cato? |
| 2 A. It would come from any previous 3 implementation that they had on-site and where 4 they've had pros and cons or they found ways to do 5 things more efficiently, or they've implemented a 11:00:03 | | 4 MR. THOMPSON: Perhaps we could confer. 5 Is that okay? 11:02:38 |
| 6 management system that rides on top and interfaces 7 in. | | 6 MS. McCLOSKEY: Sure. That's fine. 7 Shall we go off the record for a moment? |
| 8 Q. And those previous implementations may 9 involve Dell or another vendor; is that accurate? | | 8 MR. THOMPSON: Yes. 9 MS. McCLOSKEY: Okay. |
| 10 A. Yes. 11:00:18 | | 10 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are off the record 11:02:44 11 at 11:02 a.m. |
| 11 Q. So a certain -- so to some extent, 12 customer expectations can arise based on customers' 13 experience with other vendors' products? | | 12 (Recess taken.) |
| 14 A. Yes. | | 13 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on the 14 record at 11:09 a.m. |
| 15 Q. In your experience at Dell, have you had 11:00:33 | | 15 MR. THOMPSON: So for the record, we want 11:09:16 16 to be clear that this portion of the transcript is 17 designated as highly confidential, attorneys' eyes 18 only. I understand the whole transcript is 19 presumptively that designation, but in particular 20 we want to be sure this next answer is covered by 11:09:28 21 that. |
| 16 customers request specific commands? | | 22 MS. McCLOSKEY: Understood. Thank you. |
| 17 A. I believe so, but I'm not directly 18 familiar with those requests. | | 23 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) Before we went off 24 the record, we were talking about a customer that 25 you recalled who had requested a specific CLI 11:09:39 |
| 19 Q. Okay. So you can't recall any specific 20 requests; is that right? 11:01:06 | | Page 49 |
| 21 A. At Dell, no. | | |
| 22 Q. Okay. At any other company that you 23 worked for? | | |
| 24 A. Yes. | | |
| 25 Q. Which company? 11:01:15 | | |

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| 1 command. 11:09:42 | 1 Q And those were CLI commands that the 11:11:51 2 technicians had become familiar with through Cisco 3 products? |
| 2 And I had asked you, and my last question 3 was, do you recall which customer that was? | 4 A Yes |
| 5 Q And which customer was that? 11:09:47 | 5 Q Did your company implement, indeed, the 11:12:02 6 series of commands that the customer requested? |
| 6 [REDACTED] | 7 A I remember looking at it I don't 8 remember if we fully implemented the script |
| 7 Q You said -- and correct me if I'm wrong, 8 I believe you testified that the customer did not 9 want to -- could not do retraining; is that 10 correct? 11:10:02 | 9 Q You don't remember one way or the other? |
| 11 A Correct. | 10 A No 11:12:29 |
| 12 Q Do you have an understanding of why the 13 customer was unable to retrain? | 11 Q Do you remember having any concerns at 12 the time about a request to adopt commands from 13 another vendor's products? |
| 14 A Because they were too globally spread and 15 were -- were looking for a consistency for how 11:10:12 16 their technicians approached a problem and not 17 leaving variability in the field. | 14 MR HOLMES: Objection Vague 15 MR THOMPSON: Object to the extent it 11:12:42 16 misstates prior testimony 17 THE DEPONENT: I was -- I was more 18 interested in ensuring that the -- the 19 implementation was -- was our own, versus the -- I 20 wasn't necessarily concerned with the -- the input 11:13:09 21 itself |
| 18 Q So was -- what command was this in 19 reference to? | 22 Q (By Ms McCloskey) Why weren't you 23 concerned with the input itself? |
| 20 A It was a series of demands. It was a 11:10:32 21 full script. | 24 A To me, it was a mechanism for 25 communicating the same way you would communicate a 11:13:31 Page 50 Page 52 |
| 1 Q Do you know how their customers -- 11:10:46 2 their -- I'm sorry -- do you know how their 3 technicians had become familiar with that series of 4 demands? | 1 language. 11:13:34 2 Q It was functional? 3 A It's a -- it's a -- it's a language. And 4 then it's your interpretation and understanding of 5 what to implement behind that's unique. 11:13:43 6 Q So what you were concerned being original 7 to your company was the implementation? 8 A Was the implementation and the IP around 9 the implementation. |
| 5 A Practice. Generalized practice. 11:10:53 6 Q Do you have an understanding of whether 7 that practice was developed on a specific vendor's 8 products? | 10 Q Do you recall any other instance, in your 11:14:09 11 professional experience, of a customer requesting a 12 specific CLI command or commands? |
| 9 A Say the question one more time. | 13 A I -- I recall having the discussion a 14 number of times, but I don't recall specifics of 15 individual customers. 11:14:27 |
| 10 Q Sure. 11:11:05 11 Do you have an understanding of whether 12 that practice was developed on a certain vendor's 13 products? | 16 Q Do you recall other companies asking 17 you -- other customers -- withdrawn. |
| 14 A Yes. | 18 Do you recall other customers asking you 19 to support CLI commands used -- supported by other 20 vendors? 11:14:39 |
| 15 Q Do you know which vendor that is? 11:11:13 16 A Yes. | 21 MR. HOLMES: Objection. Vague. 22 THE DEPONENT: I recall other customers 23 asking for us to meet their expectations for the 24 CLI. |
| 17 Q Which vendor is that? | 25 Q (By Ms. McCloskey) And was it your 11:14:59 Page 51 Page 53 |
| 18 A Cisco. | |
| 19 Q So did the customer -- am I correct in 20 understanding that the customer requested that your 11:11:28 21 company at the time implement the same series of 22 commands that its Cisco's products used? | |
| 23 A They requested us to get the script to 24 function and to make sure that the script 25 functioned, which included those CLI commands. | |

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| 1 understanding that those expectations were 2 developed through their use of other vendors' 3 products? 4 A. Yes. 5 Q. Changing -- oh, go ahead. 6 A. Sorry. Sorry. 7 Other vendors or Dell products, so I 8 would say it was based off experience -- 9 Q. Okay. 10 A. -- in general. 11 Q. Going back quickly to the discussion we 12 had about [REDACTED], do you recall ever conferring with 13 Cisco about the possibility of your company 14 supporting commands supported by Cisco? 15 A. No. 16 Q. Do you recall consulting with your legal 17 team about the possibility of supporting commands 18 also supported by Cisco? 19 MR. THOMPSON: We object, as -- as that 20 calls for attorney-client communications. I -- I 21 instruct him not to answer. 22 MS. McCLOSKEY: Okay. Fair enough. 23 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) Changing topics. And 24 I'll just ask you a quick question about something 25 which you may not know. | 11:15:07 11:15:20 11:15:26 11:15:46 11:16:01 11:16:11 | 1 Q. Are you familiar with this switch, 2 generally? 3 A. Yes. 4 Q. Do you have an understanding of what a 5 document like this would be used for? 6 MR. HOLMES: Objection. Vague. 7 THE DEPONENT: The document would be used 8 to communicate capabilities of the switch to a 9 customer. 10 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) So it -- is it like a 11 marketing document? 12 A. Yes. 13 Q. Have you seen other similar Dell 14 marketing documents similar to this document? 15 A. Yes. 16 Q. Can I direct your attention on the first 17 page which it says "Easy, powerful management," the 18 subheading, I'm just going to read to you part of 19 that sentence. 20 "PowerConnect 3500 series switches 21 support a number of industry-standard management 22 interfaces such as web-based management, Command 23 Line Interface (CLI)," and then it continues on. 24 Do you see that? 25 A. Yes. | 11:18:38 11:18:46 11:19:02 11:19:02 11:19:11 11:19:11 11:19:21 11:19:21 11:19:45 Page 56 |
| 1 But do you know the approximate number of 2 the CLI commands that are supported by Dell? 3 A. No. 4 MR. HOLMES: Objection. Vague. 5 MS. McCLOSKEY: Can we mark this as 6 Exhibit 953. 7 (Exhibit 953 was marked for identification by 8 the court reporter and is attached hereto.) 9 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) Mr. Cato, I have 10 given you an exhibit which is marked at 953. 11 Do you recognize this document? 12 Please take any time you need to look at 13 it. 14 A. I don't recognize the document. 15 Q. What is the document? 16 MR. HOLMES: Objection. Foundation. 17 Calls for speculations. 18 THE DEPONENT: The document appears to be 19 a document identifying the -- and talking about the 20 PowerConnect 3500 series. 21 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) What is the 22 PowerConnect 3500 series? 23 A. It is an Ethernet switch that is OEM'd by 24 Dell. The software is OEM'd by Dell. The hardware 25 is Dell hardware. | 11:16:13 11:16:30 11:16:47 11:17:56 11:18:12 11:18:34 | 1 Q. And then if you turn over the page to the 2 back side under the section on "Management," do you 3 see where it says, "Industry-standard CLI 4 accessible via Telnet or Local Serial Port"? | 11:19:45 |

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| 1 A. Yes. | 11:20:45 | 1 explain what you mean by OEM? | 11:23:19 |
| 2 Q. What does it refer to? | | 2 A. OEM. Other equipment manufacturer. | |
| 3 A. It refers to the practices in the | | 3 Q. Thank you. | |
| 4 industry, in general, relative to the CLI and the | | 4 A. So, for example, the software on here | |
| 5 implementation of the CLI in the industry. | 11:20:56 | 5 wasn't necessarily developed by us. | 11:23:29 |
| 6 Q. What do you mean the practices in the | | 6 Q. Okay. Does Dell have a policy with | |
| 7 industry, in general? | | 7 respect to its use of industry-standard commands? | |
| 8 A. Expectations from the industry for -- and | | 8 MR. HOLMES: Objection. Assumes facts | |
| 9 customers for -- for certain capabilities that must | | 9 not in evidence. | |
| 10 exist within the CLI. | 11:21:13 | 10 THE DEPONENT: There's no formal policy. | 11:23:51 |
| 11 Q. You mentioned that you'd heard the term | | 11 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) Does Dell make an | |
| 12 industry-standard CLI from customers; is that | | 12 effort to adopt industry-standard commands where | |
| 13 correct? | | 13 appropriate? | |
| 14 A. Yes. | | 14 A. Yes. | |
| 15 Q. In what context have you heard customers | 11:21:30 | 15 Q. Can you explain to me when it's | 11:24:02 |
| 16 refer to industry-standard CLI? | | 16 appropriate for a company such as Dell to adopt | |
| 17 A. We've heard it in terms of communication | | 17 industry-standard commands? | |
| 18 of requirements or communication of -- of their | | 18 A. Dell tries to -- within its technologies, | |
| 19 practices internally. | | 19 tries to remain consistent about the open standards | |
| 20 Q. So based on communications you've had | 11:21:47 | 20 in the industry and -- and make sure that we | 11:24:17 |
| 21 with customers, you understand that customers | | 21 provide interoperability across platforms for the | |
| 22 expect industry-standard CLI? | | 22 end-to-end solutions. So we try to avoid, as much | |
| 23 A. Yes. | | 23 as possible, any priority implementations. | |
| 24 Q. In your experience, why do you understand | | 24 Q. So it sounds to me like Dell tries to use | |
| 25 that customers expect -- expect industry-standard | 11:21:58 | 25 the industry-standard commands as much as possible. | 11:24:42 |
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| 1 CLI? | 11:22:02 | 1 A. We try to use what our -- we try to make | 11:24:45 |
| 2 A. My understanding is because they want | | 2 sure that we're meeting our customer expectations. | |
| 3 to -- they want their technicians to behave a | | 3 So whatever the customer expectations are and | |
| 4 certain way or their -- their network | | 4 whatever we can do to make sure that we have a | |
| 5 administrators to behave a certain way and -- and | 11:22:15 | 5 level of consistency across Dell's full -- full | 11:24:58 |
| 6 they want a level of consistency, in terms of the | | 6 portfolio, we will do. | |
| 7 expected results. | | 7 Q. Do customers generally expect | |
| 8 Q. Is the term industry-standard CLI a term | | 8 industry-standard commands? | |
| 9 you've heard customers use frequently? | | 9 MR. HOLMES: Objection. Calls for | |
| 10 MR. THOMPSON: Objection. Vague. | 11:22:35 | 10 speculation. Foundation. | 11:25:11 |
| 11 THE DEPONENT: I -- I've heard it | | 11 THE DEPONENT: In general, yes. | |
| 12 consistently. | | 12 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) How do you know that? | |
| 13 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) You mentioned that | | 13 A. Conversations with different customers | |
| 14 you'd heard the term industry-standard CLI from | | 14 and just through travel knowledge, in general. | |
| 15 engineers. | 11:22:46 | 15 Q. So through your experience in networking | 11:25:25 |
| 16 Do you recall in what context you've | | 16 over, I guess, almost 20 years, you understand that | |
| 17 heard engineers use the term industry-standard CLI? | | 17 customers generally expect industry-standard | |
| 18 A. Sure. In terms of when you're -- you're | | 18 commands? | |
| 19 talking about how to -- when we OEM a product or | | 19 A. Yes. | |
| 20 we -- or we're configuring a multiple vendor | 11:23:00 | 20 Q. Are there any circumstances in which Dell | 11:25:42 |
| 21 solution, the term will come up, you know, what -- | | 21 does not adopt industry-standard commands? | |
| 22 what do we need to do with the CLI, or what do we | | 22 A. We will not adopt an industry-standard | |
| 23 need to do for the interface of the management | | 23 command if we don't think that the underlying | |
| 24 tools and how it's industry standard. | | 24 functionality can be developed without violating | |
| 25 Q. Just so the record is clear, can you | 11:23:17 | 25 somebody else's intellectual property. | 11:26:02 |
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| 1 Q. What do you mean by, when the underlying 2 functionality can't be developed without violating 3 someone else's intellectual property? | 11:26:05 | 1 fairly called industry-standard commands? | 11:28:29 |
| 4 A. If -- if there is intellectual property 5 across the implementation of a particular -- | 11:26:15 | 2 A. Yes. | |
| 6 particular protocol or -- or particular innovation 7 and the command is simply an interface into that 8 innovation, we won't -- | | 3 Q. Would it be fair to say that Dell and 4 Cisco's CLI commands may overlap, to the extent 5 both use industry-standard CLI commands? | 11:28:36 |
| 9 Q. I see. | | 6 MR. HOLMES: Objection. Vague. Calls 7 for speculation. | |
| 10 A. -- touch it. | 11:26:33 | 8 THE DEPONENT: Yes. | |
| 11 Q. Okay. Is it your understanding then that 12 Dell uses many CLI commands that are also supported 13 by other networking equipment vendors in the 14 industry? | | 9 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) Are you aware of 10 other vendors with whom Dell's CLI commands 11 overlap? | 11:28:45 |
| 15 A. Can you restate that one. | 11:26:51 | 12 A. Yes. | |
| 16 Q. Sure. | | 13 Q. Which vendors? | |
| 17 Is it your understanding then that Dell 18 uses many CLI commands that are also supported by 19 other networking equipment vendors in the industry? | | 14 A. Anybody that uses that same industry 15 standard. So it would be Arista. I believe 16 Juniper. Extreme. Enterasys. Anybody that uses 17 the Broadcom, PowerConnect software or Level -- 18 Level 7 software. | 11:28:56 |
| 20 MR. HOLMES: Objection. Vague. Calls 21 for speculation. | 11:27:02 | 19 Q. So many vendors use the industry-standard 20 CLI demands? | 11:29:18 |
| 22 THE DEPONENT: Sorry. One more time. | | 21 A. Yes. | |
| 23 MS. McCLOSKEY: Sure. No problem. | | 22 MR. HOLMES: Objection. Calls for 23 speculation. | |
| 24 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) Is it your 25 understanding that Dell uses many CLI commands that | 11:27:14 Page 62 | 24 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) Has -- has Dell ever 25 considered whether it was somehow wrong to use CLI | 11:29:36 Page 64 |
| 1 are also supported by other networking equipment 2 vendors in the industry? | 11:27:17 | 1 commands that are also supported by Cisco? | 11:29:39 |
| 3 A. Yes. | | 2 A. No. | |
| 4 MR. HOLMES: Same objections. | | 3 MR. HOLMES: Objection. Vague. Calls 4 for a legal conclusion. | |
| 5 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) How do you know that? | 11:27:25 | 5 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) Is it fair to say 6 that if Dell thought that it was wrong to use a 7 certain CLI command, it wouldn't use it? | 11:29:47 |
| 6 A. Because it's an industry standard. | | 8 A. Yes. | |
| 7 Q. Do you have an understanding as to 8 whether Cisco uses many CLI commands that are also 9 supported by other networking equipment vendors in 10 the industry? | 11:27:49 | 9 MR. HOLMES: Same objections. | |
| 11 MR. HOLMES: Objection. Vague. Calls 12 for speculation. | | 10 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) Is it fair to say 11 that if Dell thought it was illegal to use a 12 certain CLI command, it wouldn't use it? | 11:29:55 |
| 13 THE DEPONENT: I'm aware that some of 14 their commands are consistent with other vendors. | | 13 A. Yes. | |
| 15 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) How do you know that? | 11:27:56 | 14 MR. HOLMES: Same objections. | |
| 16 A. Because they're industry standard. | | 15 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) Have you ever 16 discussed with others the fact that the Dell CLI -- | 11:30:03 |
| 17 Q. Are you generally familiar with some of 18 Cisco's CLI commands? | | 17 that the CLI supported by Dell shares commands in 18 common with the CLI supported by Cisco? | |
| 19 A. I'm generally familiar with the fact, 20 yes. | 11:28:09 | 19 MR. THOMPSON: Let me just caution the 20 witness, you should exclude any communications with | 11:30:13 |
| 21 (Discussion off the stenographic record.) | | 21 your lawyers. | |
| 22 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) I think you would 23 agree with this, but would you agree that commands 24 that are used by many different vendors and that 25 customers expect to see in an Ethernet switch are | 11:28:24 Page 63 | 22 THE DEPONENT: Agree. | |
| | | 23 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) Thank you. | |
| | | 24 Would you like me to read the question? | |
| | | 25 A. Yes, please. | 11:30:22 |
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| 1 A. Since 2001. 12:17:44 | 1 THE DEPONENT: I'd be speculating, but my 12:19:35 2 understanding, in general, is that, yes, there's 3 aspects of the industry standard support. |
| 2 Q. I see 2011. | 4 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) Do you understand 12:19:44 5 whether Juniper supports the industry-standard CLI? |
| 3 A. Or 2011. Sorry. 2011. | 6 THE DEPONENT: I'd be speculating, in 12:19:44 7 general. |
| 4 Q. So you have been aware of the industry 12:17:53 | 8 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) Do you have any 12:19:44 9 knowledge with respect to NETGEAR? |
| 5 standard at least since June of 2011? 12:17:53 | 10 A. No. 12:19:55 |
| 6 A. Yes. | 11 Q. Does Extreme support the 12:19:55 12 industry-standard CLI? |
| 7 MR. HOLMES: Objection. Vague. | 13 MR. HOLMES: Same objections. |
| 8 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) Is that your earliest 12:18:01 | 14 THE DEPONENT: Extreme supports aspects 12:20:04 15 of the industry standard. |
| 9 memory of being aware of the industry-standard CLI? | 16 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) Are there any other 12:20:04 17 entities that I haven't mentioned that you believe 18 support the industry-standard CLI, based on your 19 experience? |
| 10 A. Yes. 12:18:01 | 20 A. Not that come to the top of my head. 12:20:12 |
| 11 MR. HOLMES: Objection. Vague. | 21 MS. McCLOSKEY: I'm going to mark this 12:20:12 22 exhibit, which is a video, Exhibit 956. |
| 12 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) Earlier today you 12:18:20 | 23 (Exhibit 956 was marked for identification by 12:20:12 24 the court reporter and is attached hereto.) |
| 13 listed a series of vendors for whom your teams have 12:18:20 | 25 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) I'm on a YouTube page 12:20:26 14 used their switches. I have down Brocade, Cisco, 12:20:26 15 Arista, Juniper, NETGEAR, Extreme and Dell. 12:20:26 16 Is it your understanding that each of 12:20:26 17 those companies -- and I would be happy to ask you 12:20:26 18 one by one, if that's easier -- support the 12:20:26 19 industry-standard CLI? |
| 20 MR. HOLMES: Objection. Calls for 12:18:33 | 20 A. Not that come to the top of my head. 12:20:12 |
| 21 speculation. Vague. Beyond the scope. | 21 MS. McCLOSKEY: I'm going to mark this 12:20:12 22 exhibit, which is a video, Exhibit 956. |
| 22 THE DEPONENT: Can you ask the question 12:18:33 | 23 (Exhibit 956 was marked for identification by 12:20:12 24 the court reporter and is attached hereto.) |
| 23 one more time. | 25 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) I'm on a YouTube page 12:20:26 24 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) Sure. 12:18:43 12:20:26 25 Earlier today you talked about 12:18:43 Page 94 12:20:26 Page 94 |
| 1 familiarity with -- with vendors, including 12:18:44 | 1 for the Dell Tech Center. 12:20:28 |
| 2 Brocade, Cisco, Arista, Juniper, NETGEAR, Extreme 12:18:44 | 2 Have you seen this YouTube -- YouTube 12:20:28 3 and Dell. |
| 4 Is it your understanding that each of 12:18:55 | 3 page before? |
| 5 those vendors support the industry-standard CLI? 12:18:55 | 4 A. No. |
| 6 MR. HOLMES: Same objections. | 5 Q. Do you have an understanding of whether 12:20:33 7 THE DEPONENT: Yeah, I would be 12:20:33 8 speculating. |
| 9 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) I'm going to ask you 12:19:08 | 6 Dell has a YouTube -- YouTube -- I guess a YouTube 12:20:33 10 entity by entity, so to the extent you know, you 12:19:08 11 can answer. |
| 12 Do you understand whether Brocade 12:19:08 | 7 channel? |
| 13 supports the industry-standard CLI? | 8 A. No. |
| 14 MR. HOLMES: Objection. Asked and 12:19:13 | 9 MR. HOLMES: Objection. Foundation. |
| 15 answered. Beyond the scope. Calls for 12:19:13 | 10 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) What -- what is the 12:20:42 16 speculation. |
| 17 THE DEPONENT: I'd be speculating. | 11 Dell Tech Center? |
| 18 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) Do you understand 12:19:13 | 12 MR. HOLMES: Foundation. Objection. |
| 19 whether Cisco supports the industry-standard CLI? | 13 THE DEPONENT: I'm not sure. |
| 20 MR. HOLMES: Same objections. 12:19:24 | 14 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) I'm going to bring up 12:20:51 21 THE DEPONENT: My understanding is that 12:20:51 22 they would support the industry standard. |
| 23 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) Do you understand 12:19:24 | 15 a video that I've previously seen, and I'm just 12:20:51 24 whether Arista supports the industry-standard CLI? |
| 24 whether Arista supports the industry-standard CLI? | 16 going to play you a little bit of this video. Let |
| 25 MR. HOLMES: Same objections. 12:19:35 | 17 me turn the volume up. |
| Page 95 | 18 (Video playing.) |
| | 19 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) I'll edit there, |
| | 20 unless you want to see any more of it. I'm just 12:22:42 21 going to ask you a few questions about it. |
| | 22 A. Okay. |
| | 23 Q. Have you ever seen that video before? |
| | 24 A. No. |
| | 25 Q. What do you understand that video to be? 12:22:49 Page 97 |

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| 1 Do you understand it to be a comparison of the CLI 2 supported by Dell and the CLI supported by Cisco? 3 MR. HOLMES: Objection. Vague. 4 Foundation. And assumes facts not in evidence. 5 It's also compound. | 12:22:51 | 1 MR. THOMPSON: Same objections. 2 THE DEPONENT: I would be speculating, 3 but I would assume it would show that, as a video 4 would, between any other switch vendor and our 5 vendor. We would try and show the similarities so | 12:24:48 |
| 6 THE DEPONENT: My understanding would be 7 that it is probably trying to help market the -- if 8 somebody understood generalized structures for a 9 Cisco switch, that they could generally understand 10 what to do on a Dell switch. | 12:22:59 | 6 that we could make that easier in terms of 7 translation. | 12:25:00 |
| 11 MR. HOLMES: It's also beyond the scope. | 12:23:19 | 8 MS. McCLOSKEY: Sorry. All right. I'll 9 close this down. | |
| 12 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) What would be the 13 purpose of a video -- of this video? | | 10 I just have a couple more documents I'd 11 like to show you and then I will be ready to wrap 12 up for the day. | 12:25:12 |
| 14 MR. HOLMES: Same objections. | | 13 Let's mark this as Exhibit 957. | |
| 15 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) Withdrawn. | 12:23:30 | 14 (Exhibit 957 was marked for identification by 15 the court reporter and is attached hereto.) | 12:25:22 |
| 16 What is the purpose of this video, to the 17 best of your understanding? | | 16 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) Mr. Cato, I've handed 17 you a document that's been marked 957. | |
| 18 MR. HOLMES: Objection. | | 18 Do you recognize this document? | |
| 19 THE DEPONENT: I'd be speculating. | | 19 A. I do not. | |
| 20 MR. THOMPSON: That does call for 21 speculation. | 12:23:36 | 20 Q. Can you take a brief look at this 21 document and tell me whether you have an 22 understanding of what this document is? | 12:25:47 |
| 22 You can answer. | | 23 A. It looks like a -- a marketing document 24 associated with the PowerConnect series of 25 switches. | 12:26:10 |
| 23 MR. HOLMES: Objection. Beyond the 24 scope. Calls for speculation. | | | Page 100 |
| 25 THE DEPONENT: I'd be speculating, but I | 12:23:42 | | |
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| 1 would assume that it -- it could be intended for a 2 multi-vendor environment. We're going in and 3 somebody is operating a Cisco switch and a Dell 4 switch, or for marketing, in general, to a Cisco 5 customer. | 12:23:43 | 1 Q. A Dell marketing document? | 12:26:10 |
| 6 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) And so is it 7 important for the audience of this video to 8 understand that the similarities between the -- the 9 CLI supported by Dell and the CLI supported by 10 Cisco? | 12:23:55 | 2 A. A Dell marketing document. | |
| 11 MR. HOLMES: Objection. Calls for a 12 legal conclusion. Calls for speculation. Vague. 13 Beyond the scope. | 12:24:06 | 3 Q. And I'm going to direct your attention, 4 again, to language that's similar to language we've 5 already looked at today where it says "Easy, 6 Powerful Management." | 12:26:18 |
| 14 THE DEPONENT: I'd be speculating, but I 15 would assume that for whoever was viewing the video 16 it would be important for them to understand that 17 any knowledge that they brought in from a Cisco 18 script could translate, so that you could have an 19 understanding of what to do on a Dell switch. | 12:24:14 | 7 I'll read to you the first sentence. 8 "PowerConnect 5200 Series switches support a number 9 of management interfaces, including an easy-to-use 10 embedded Web interface as well as an industry 11 standard Command Line Interface (CLI) which allows 12 network administrators to utilize existing switch 13 configurations skills." | 12:26:31 |
| 20 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) And so do you 21 understand that it would educate a viewer of this 22 video that, for example, the training time to get 23 up to speed on a Dell switch, if you knew how to 24 use a Cisco switch, would be less than it would be 25 otherwise? | 12:24:35 | 14 Do you see that? | |
| | Page 99 | 15 A. I do. | 12:26:44 |
| | | 16 Q. Is this the same industry-standard CLI 17 which we've been discussing today? | |
| | | 18 MR. HOLMES: Objection. Foundation. 19 Calls for speculation. | |
| | | 20 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) Withdrawn. | 12:26:55 |
| | | 21 Does this reference the same 22 industry-standard CLI which we have been discussing 23 today? | |
| | | 24 MR. HOLMES: Same objection. | |
| | | 25 THE DEPONENT: Yes, it does. It would be | 12:27:01 |
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| 1 important to know that the Dell OEM's the 2 PowerConnect, I believe, full series -- 3 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) Okay. 4 A. -- so that the software is not 5 necessarily Dell-produced software. 12:27:14 | 12:27:03 | 1 was a Force10 or a Dell document. It depends on 2 timing. It looks like it was a Force10 document. 3 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) Do you see on the 4 middle of the front -- front page where it says, 5 "The FTOS CLI combines an industry-standard show, 12:30:16 | 12:30:06 |
| 6 Q. Do you have an understanding of whose 7 software it would be? 8 A. Yes. 9 Q. Who is that? 10 A. Broadcom. 12:27:24 | 12:27:24 | 6 configuration and debugging syntax with" -- "with 7 enhanced usability and navigation features. As a 8 result, configuration and troubleshooting is just 9 like working on an iOS platform, but more 10 comfortable." 12:30:33 | 12:30:33 |
| 11 Q. So am I correct in understanding that 12 this document indicates that the Broad- -- Broadcom 13 software supports the industry-standard CLI? 14 A. I believe so, yes. 15 Q. Do you have any reason to question 12:27:36 | 12:27:36 | 11 Do you see that? 12 A. Yes. 13 Q. Do you have an understanding of what this 14 document refers to when it references an industry 15 standard show syntax? 12:30:46 | 12:30:46 |
| 16 whether the Broadcom software supports the 17 industry-standard CLI? 18 MR. THOMPSON: Same objections. 19 THE DEPONENT: No. My comment was not 20 familiarity with this particular series or -- or 12:27:45 | 12:27:45 | 16 MR. HOLMES: Objection. Foundation. 17 THE DEPONENT: It would be -- my 18 assumption is that the author intended to 19 demonstrate that the -- the CLI implementation was 20 what customers would expect for the industry 12:31:10 | 12:31:10 |
| 21 the particular switch, and just going from memory 22 in terms of who has Broadcom software versus who 23 has Dell software on the individual switches. 24 MS. McCLOSKEY: Okay. Thanks. You can 25 put that document aside. 12:28:08 | 12:28:08 | 21 standard, and that they had gone and also provided 22 additional commands for -- for making some of the 23 navigation or some of the implementation easier. 24 So it looks like they have implemented an industry 25 standard and then additional commands. 12:31:28 | 12:31:28 |
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| 1 I'm going to show you a document which is 12:28:08 2 marked 958. 3 (Exhibit 958 was marked for identification by 4 the court reporter and is attached hereto.) 5 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) Mr. Cato, I've handed 12:28:11 | 12:28:08 | 1 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) Which additional 12:31:31 2 commands are those? 3 A. It -- I -- I'd be speculating. 4 Q. Okay. What does iOS refer to? 5 MR. HOLMES: Objection. Vague. 12:31:45 | 12:31:31 |
| 6 you a document which is marked Exhibit 958. 7 Do you recognize this document? 8 A. No. 9 Q. Can you please take a look at this 10 document and tell me what your understanding is 12:28:29 11 that it is? 12 MR. HOLMES: Objection. Foundation. 13 THE DEPONENT: It looks like it's a 14 marketing document talking about the CLI on 15 Force10's operating system. 12:29:41 | 12:28:11 | 6 Foundation. 7 THE DEPONENT: I believe iOS refers to 8 Cisco's operating system. 9 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) So is it your 10 understanding -- 12:31:53 | 12:31:45 |
| 16 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) Have you seen 17 documents like this before? 18 MR. HOLMES: Objection. Vague. 19 THE DEPONENT: I've seen similar 20 documents. 12:29:57 | 12:29:41 | 11 A. -- on one of their -- on some of their 12 switches. 13 Q. Thank you for that clarification. 14 Is it your understanding that this 15 document -- this marketing document is indicating 12:31:59 | 12:31:53 |
| 21 Q. (By Ms. McCloskey) And -- and just to be 22 clear, it's a Dell marketing document about CLI; is 23 that correct? 24 MR. HOLMES: Objection. Foundation. 25 THE DEPONENT: I am unable to tell if it 12:30:04 | 12:29:57 | 16 to customers that configuration and troubleshooting 17 is similar to working on a Cisco iOS platform? 18 MR. HOLMES: Objection. The document 19 speaks for itself. Foundation. 20 THE DEPONENT: I believe that it's 12:32:13 | 12:31:59 |
| | Page 103 | 21 indicating that if you -- if you are familiar with 22 the industry-standard aspects of the Cisco, you 23 would be familiar with the industry-standard 24 aspects of the Dell switch, or the Force10 switch 25 in this case. 12:32:32 | 12:32:13 |
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| 1 property. 12:49:21 | 1 I, Rebecca L. Romano, a Certified Shorthand 2 Reporter of the State of California, do hereby certify: 3 That the foregoing proceedings were taken before me 4 at the time and place herein set forth; that any 5 witnesses in the foregoing proceedings, prior to 6 testifying, were administered an oath; that a record of 7 the proceedings was made by me using machine shorthand 8 which was thereafter transcribed under my direction; 9 that the foregoing transcript is true record of the 10 testimony given. 11 Further, that if the foregoing pertains to the 12 original transcript of a deposition in a Federal Case, 13 before completion of the proceedings, review of the 14 transcript [] was [X] was not requested. 15 I further certify I am neither financially 16 interested in the action nor a relative or employee of 17 any attorney or any party to this action. 18 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have this date subscribed my 19 name. 20 Dated: May 26, 2016 21 22 23 <i>Rebecca L. Romano</i> 24 Rebecca L. Romano, RPR, 25 CSR. No 12546 |
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